

# **Sarasota Military Academy**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

10 May, 2018

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## **Board of Director Members' Attendance**

### **Present:**

Mr. Herb Jones, Chairman  
Ben Knisely, COL USA (Ret), Secretary  
Frederick Derr, CAPT USN (Ret), Treasurer  
Ms. Carter Donovan  
Ms. Linda Long  
Dr. Logan Malone, RADM USN (Ret)  
Dr. J. Robert Parkinson

Howard G. Crowell, Jr., LTG USA (Ret), Chairman Emeritus

**Absent:** Mr. Steve Herb, Vice Chairman; Mr. Kimball Bobbitt; COL Mike Ryan; SMA-LTC Pamela Donehew; SMA-MAJ Denise Harper, Human Resources; SMA-CPT Amy Mazner, Athletic Director; SMA-MAJ Lisa Currie, Assistant Head of School, Prep Campus; MAJ Becky Morris, Assistant Head of School, Prep Campus

## **SMA Administrative Staff in Attendance**

SMA-COL Christina Bowman, Executive Director of Schools  
SMA-MAJ Steve Kok, Director of Finance  
SMA-LTC Abby Williams, Assistant Head of School, High School Campus  
SMA-MAJ Ryan Lee, Dean of Students, High School Campus  
SMA-MAJ CJ Bannister, Chief Development Officer, SMA Foundation Inc.  
SMA-LTC Tom Vara, Head of School, Prep Campus

**Guests:** Members of the SMA faculty, staff and PTCC representatives.  
SMA-CPT Michael Friday, High School Staff Representative; Ms. Michelle Collins, PTCC Representative; Ms. Becky Stoner, Kerkering Barberio.

Location: SMA High School campus. The chairman called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

Chairman Herb Jones introduced Ms. Becky Stoner with Kerkering Barberio. Dr. Logan Malone motioned for approval of the 990 report; CAPT Frederick Derr seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes from the 4 April 2018 meeting:**

Chairman Herb Jones motioned for approval of the 4 April, 2018 minutes; CAPT Derr seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved with the correction noted.

**Executive Director of School Report / SMA Head of High School Report:**

SMA-COL Christina Bowman reported enrollment numbers for the 2018-2019 school year for both High School and Prep.

Ms. Carter Donovan asked SMA-COL Bowman if she had any concerns about hiring highly qualified teachers. SMA-COL Bowman responded that the Academy is in the process of hiring and retaining highly effective teachers.

SMA-COL Bowman stated her concern regarding the possible sale of the Lemon Avenue Parking lot that is currently leased from the Housing Authority. She also reported the anticipated decrease of next school year's millage funds from the district due to the creation of the district's own law enforcement office. There is an anticipated increase in the PECO funds received for next school year, but there is no reported amount to date and it is not expected to cover the significant loss of millage funds. Once that amount has been finalized, the budget for 2018-2019 school year will be completed. SMA-COL Bowman stated this was just brought to her attention and the Academy will need to adjust the proposed 1:1 technology program among other adjustments. LTG Howard Crowell stated the need to continue to make district aware of how the decrease of millage funds for one year impacts our school and cadets. SMA-COL Bowman agreed by stating a meeting with Dr. Bowden has been requested.

**Human Resources Manager Report:** SMA-MAJ Denise Harper provided a read-ahead report. SMA-COL Bowman mentioned the official call to our new Head of School, Mr. Fred Fout, will happen this evening and thanks Ms. Linda Long and LTG Crowell for their input in the process.

**SMA Prep Head of School Report:** SMA-LTC Tom Vara provided a read-ahead report and progress to date. He mentioned the success of the pep rally starting off the testing season along with cadets being more engaged during testing. He also mentioned the Interact Club raised 5k for a well in Sudan.

SMA-LTC Vara discussed available positions for next school and the interviewing process as well as implementing a mentor program to assist in the transition of new hires into the SMA culture.

Chairman Jones inquired about the artist, cadet Elisa Uzcategui, in which SMA-LTC Vara stated she was recognized in the paper but would like to create a large print to place in the school.

**SMA Prep Athletics:** SMA-CPT AJ Brown provided a read-ahead report. SMA-LTC Vara mentioned the Golf team won the Golf Championships for the second year in a row with 1-2 strikes to 1<sup>st</sup> Place last year to 22 strikes to 1<sup>st</sup> Place this year.

**SMA HS Athletics:** No report was provided.

**Staff Representatives:** SMA-CPT Michael Friday provided a read-ahead report for the high school. LTG Crowell mentioned that two Army retirees attended with him as guests to our formation and were very impressed.

**SAI/Commandant's Report:** COL Ryan provided a read-ahead report.

**IB Report:** A full year-end report will be provided at the next Board meeting.

**MYP:** SMA-MAJ Lisa Currie provided a read-ahead report. SMA-LTC Vara mentioned they are still working on AdvancED and continued IB training. He stated new instructors will now wait a year for training.

**Treasurer's Report:** CAPT Derr provided a read-ahead report. COL Ben Knisely motioned for approval of report; Dr. Logan Malone seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

**PTCC Report:** Ms. Michelle Collins provided a read-ahead report for the High School and a report for the Prep was provided. Ms. Collins mentioned the new members and officers have been elected for the 2018-2019 school year. She also mentioned the total grant funds of 6k were awarded for cadet athletics and activities.

**Chairperson's Report:** N/A

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** N/A

**Questions:** N/A

**Comments:** N/A

The next SMA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 June, 2018 at 2:30 pm at the high school conference room. The next SMA Foundation Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 June, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the high school conference room. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

*Herb Jones*

Mr. Herb Jones, Chairman

*6/6/18*

Date

*Ben Knisely*

COL Ben Knisely, Secretary

*6/6/18*

Date